

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 29, 2017 – 11:00 am

Epiphany 4 – Celtic Worship

*** Please rise in body and/or spirit**

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Clergy and Choir Enter**

Welcome and Announcements

*** Introit (All):** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” VU 220, v1

Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles

*** Call to Worship:**

One: Way beyond all journeying, Truth behind all mystery, Life within all living.

All: We praise you.

One: Salve for every soreness, mender of every brokenness, midwife of a better future,

All: We praise you.

One: Ground of all being, judge of all nations, conscience of the universe,

All: We praise you.

One: Maker, Redeemer, confessor, companion, befriender, inspirer, God beyond all names.

All: We praise you.

*** Hymn:** “My Soul Cries Out” MV #120

Prayer of Adoration:

One: Heaven is here, and earth, and the space is thin between them. Distance may divide, but Christ’s promise unites those bounded by time, those blessed by eternity.

All: Let Heaven be glad. Let the whole earth cry glory.

One: Heaven is here, and earth, and the Church above and below is one. Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and all the Marys, Columba and Francis, Theresa and Luther King; the saints from far back, and those who left us not long ago. And only sight prevents us from seeing them, one with us on the other side.

All: Let Heaven be glad. Let the whole earth cry glory.

One: Heaven is here, and earth, and the God who made them is present. The Lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us; the Spirit of God, the Dove, makes her resting place among us. God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction.

All: Let Heaven be glad. Let the whole earth cry glory.

One: Blessing and honour and glory and power be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children’s Hymn: “Jesus Saw Them Fishing” MV #113

Children’s Focus

The Lord’s Prayer

Special Music: “Be Thou My Vision”
performed by The Gaelic Choir

Scripture Readings: Psalm 130 VU p. 852 (sung)
John 9:1-12

Special Music: “Morning has Broken”
performed by The Gaelic Choir

Sermon: **The Thin Places,
Where Earth and Heaven Meet**

Hymn: “Spirit, Open My Heart” MV #79

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “What Can I Do” MV #191

